PAROCHIAL EXERCISES,

IN TWO PARTS;

CONTAINING

The Child's First Lessons in Religion,

AND

Exercises on the Salisbury Spelling-Book.

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CHILD's FIRST LESSONS in RELIGION.

LESSON I.

1. *Queſtion.* What is Religion?

Anſwer. Religion conſiſts in having a right knowledge of GOD, and in obeying his commandments.

2. *Queſt.* What do you mean by having a right knowledge of GOD?

Anſ. To have a right knowledge of GOD is to believe that GOD made the world and all things in it; that he guards and governs it at all times; that he is preſent every where, and ſees every thing, which we do; hears every thing, which we ſay; and knows all our thoughts; that he will reward us, if we are good, and puniſh us, if we are wicked; that nothing is impoſſible to him; and that every thing which he hath ſaid, or promiſed, ſhall ſurely come to paſs.

Lesson II.

3. *Queſt.* Who made you, and all the world?

Anſ. God.

4. *Queſt.* Who is he to whom nothing is impoſſible?

Anſ. God.

5. *Queſt.* Who ſees every thing, which you do, and hears every thing which you ſay, and knows all your thoughts?

Anſ. God.

6. *Queſt.* Who will reward you, if you are good, and puniſh you if you are wicked?

Anſ. God.

Lesson III.

7. *Queſt.* What is the deſign and end of Religion.

Anſ. To promote the glory of God, and the happineſs of all mankind.

8. *Queſt.* What is the rule of every good man's belief?

Anſ. To believe every thing, which is revealed in Scripture,—in honour of GOD, —and becauſe it is the word of GOD.

9. *Queſt.* What is the rule of every good man's life?

Anſ. To do every thing, which is commanded in Scripture, for the love of God, and becauſe it is the will of GOD.

LESSON IV.

10. *Queſt.* What is the Chriſtian Religion?

Anſ. The Chriſtian Religion conſiſts in believing, what the Scriptures teach us concerning GOD the Father, JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God, and the HOLY GHOST: and in doing what in the Scriptures we are commanded to do.

11. *Queſt.* What are you taught in the Scriptures to believe concerning JESUS CHRIST?

Anſ. I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the ſon of God, and was with God before the worlds were made: that he took on himſelf the form of man and was born of

the Virgin Mary; that he ſuffered death on the Croſs as a ſatisfaction for the ſins of the whole world; that he roſe again from the dead, and is now in heaven; and that at the laſt day he will judge all men according to their actions in this life.

12. *Queſt.* What are you taught in the Scriptures to believe concerning the HOLY GHOST?

Anſ. I believe, that when JESUS CHRIST aſcended into Heaven, the Holy Ghoſt came down from Heaven to comfort and ſupport all thoſe, who believed in JESUS CHRIST; and that he will always comfort and ſupport all thoſe, who ſincerely believe in CHRIST, and endeavour to lead good lives.

13. *Queſt.* What are you further taught in the Scriptures to believe concerning GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſ. I believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, are not three

Gods, but three perſons in one God, who is my Maker,—my Saviour,—my Comforter and Supporter.

Lesson V.

14. *Queſt.* Who is your Saviour?

Anſ. Jesus Christ.

15. *Queſt.* Why is Jesus Christ called your Saviour?

Anſ. Becauſe he ſuffered death on the Croſs to ſave me and all Mankind.

16. *Queſt.* What do you mean by *ſaving* you?

Anſ. He died, that his death might be a ſatisfaction for the ſins of all mankind: and that his merits might make up for our imperfections, if we endeavour to lead good lives.

Lesson VI.

17. *Queſt.* Can you ſay your belief?

Anſ. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our

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Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary, ſuffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he deſcended into Hell; the third day he roſe again from the dead, he aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveneſs of ſins; the reſurrection of the body, and the life everlaſting. Amen.

Lesson VII.

18. *Queſt.* Can you tell me what will become of all men after they are dead?

Anſ. They will not die for ever, but they will be raiſed again from the grave at the laſt day, never to die any more.

19. *Queſt.* What do you mean by the laſt day?

Anſ. The day of judgement, in which GOD will judge all men according to their actions in this life.

20. *Queſt.* How do you know that all men will be raiſed again from the grave?

Anſ. Becauſe GOD has declared ſo in his Holy Scriptures.

21. *Queſt.* What other aſſurance has GOD given us, that he will raiſe all men again from the grave?

Anſ. He has given us aſſurance by the reſurrection of JESUS CHRIST, that the ſame Almighty Power, which raiſed him from the grave, will alſo raiſe all men from the grave at the laſt day.

LESSON VIII.

22. *Queſt.* Why will all men be raiſed again from the grave?

Anſ. To give an account to GOD of their actions in this life, and to be rewarded with everlaſting happineſs, if they have lived good lives, or puniſhed with everlaſting miſery, if they have lived bad lives.

23. *Queſt.* If we are to be ſo rewarded or puniſhed according to our actions in this life, how ought we to behave ourſelves, while we are in this life?

Anſ. We ought to live ſo as to pleaſe God, who is our Maker, and will be our Judge at the laſt day.

24. *Queſt.* What ought you to do, that you may pleaſe God?

Anſ. I ought never to forget that God made me and ſtill preſerves me; that he is every where preſent with me; that he ſees every thing, which I do; hears every thing which I ſay, and knows all my thoughts. I ought to pray to him every morning and evening; and to go to Church every Sunday; and to learn betimes in the days of my youth to keep all his commandments; and I ought never to forget the ſufferings of my Saviour, who died to ſave me and all mankind.

Lesson IX.

25. *Queſt.* Can you ſay the Lord's Prayer?

Anſ. Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

26. *Queſt.* What do you mean by the Lord's prayer?

Anſ. The prayer, which our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, taught his diſciples to ſay.

27. *Queſt.* What are you taught to pray for in the Lord's prayer?

Anſ. I pray to God that he will continue his mercy to me, in giving food and ſubſiſtence convenient for me; — that he would forgive my paſt ſins, and preſerve me from all temptation to ſin in future.

Lesson X.

28. *Queſt.* What duties to God are you taught by his commandments?

Anſ. That I ſhould worſhip God only; and never pray to, nor worſhip any kind of image; that I ſhould never ſwear, nor lightly mention the name of God; that I ſhould keep holy the Sabbath day by going to Church, and by not employing myſelf in any kind of work, or in any improper paſtime.

29. *Queſt.* What duties to men are you taught by theſe commandments?

Anſ. That I ſhould honour and obey my father and mother; that I ſhould never tell a lie, nor cheat; nor ſteal any thing, nor even wiſh for any thing, that belongs to any body elſe; and that I ſhould do, as I would be done by, and never be guilty of any act of cruelty or unkindneſs to man or beaſt.

Lesson XI.

30. *Queſt.* Can you tell me, what will be the conſequence of your living a life, that is pleaſing to God?

Anſ. I know, that if I try always to remember the commandments of God, and to obey his word, he will, for the ſake of Jesus Christ my Saviour, bleſs me whilſt I am in this world, and at the laſt day will raiſe me up to everlaſting life and happineſs.

31. *Queſt.* What will be the conſequence of your diſpleaſing God?

Anſ. I know, that if I am wicked, and wilfully break the commandments of God, he will leave me to myſelf, whilſt I am in this world, and at the laſt day will give me up to everlaſting miſery.

A Prayer for Sunday Morning and Evening, to be ſaid by the youngeſt Children to their Maſter or Miſtreſs at School.

Pray, [Sir,] pray to God to bleſs me for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, my Saviour; and to turn me from every evil and wicked action. Pray to God, that he would incline my heart to remember him and ſerve him all the days of my youth, but eſpecially on this day, which he has ſet apart for us to worſhip him, and to hear and learn his holy word; and that he would ſo teach me to perform all my duties, that I may not fear the coming of my Judge at the laſt day.

A Prayer for every Morning and Evening, except on Sunday, to be ſaid by the youngeſt Children to their Parents at Home.

Pray, Father, pray, Mother, pray to God to bleſs me for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, my Saviour; and to turn me from every evil and wicked action. Pray to God that he would incline my heart to love and ſerve him for ever; to love and obey my parents and teachers; to be kind to my brothers and ſiſters, and all my ſchool-fellows, and to be civil to every body; and that he would ſo teach me to perform all my duties, that I may not fear the coming of my Judge at the laſt day.

N.B. The Children ſhould be required to repeat their Weekly Prayer to their Maſter or Miſtreſs every Sunday, as a part of their School Buſineſs.

EXERCISES
ON THE
SALISBURY SPELLING-BOOK.

PART I. SECT. I.

Queſtion. Who is your Saviour?

Anſwer. Jeſus Chriſt, the Son of God.

Queſt. Why do you believe Jeſus Chriſt to be the Son of God?

Anſ. Becauſe it is ſaid in the Goſpels that he called himſelf the Son of God.

Queſt. Are you ſure that Jeſus Chriſt meant that he was really and truly the Son of God?

Anſ. Yes: becauſe the Jews accuſed him of blaſphemy for ſaying he was the Son of God, and put him to death for calling himſelf ſo.

SECT. II.

Queſt. In how many days did God make the heavens and the earth, and all things that are in them?

Anſ. In ſix days.

Queſt. Which day did God bleſs?

Anſ. The ſeventh day.

Queſt. Why did God bleſs the ſeventh day?

Anſ. Becauſe God reſted on the ſeventh day from the work of the creation.

Queſt. On what day of the week was the Jewiſh Sabbath?

Anſ. On the ſeventh.

Queſt. Which day of the week is the Chriſtian Sabbath, or the Lord's day?

Anſ. The firſt.

Queſt. Why did the Jews hold their Sabbath on the ſeventh day of the week?

Anſ. In memory of God's having reſted on the ſeventh day after the ſix days of the Creation.

Queſt. Why do we Chriſtians hold our Sabbath on the firſt day?

Anſ. In memory of our redemption's being made ſure by the reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt, the ſon of God, who roſe from the dead on the firſt day of the week.

Sect. III.

Queſt. What do you mean by the Sabbath day?

Anſ. The day of reſt.

Queſt. How ſhould we employ the Sabbath day, or day of reſt?

Anſ. We are to keep it holy.

Queſt. What do you mean by keeping it holy?

Anſ. Making it a day of reſt from worldly buſineſs and amuſements; and a day of public prayer, and of thankſgiving to God for all his mercies, but above all for the redemption of mankind by his ſon Jeſus Chriſt.

Queſt. Where do we offer up our public prayers and thankſgivings?

Anſ. At Church.

Queſt. How ought we to behave ourſelves at Church?

Anſ. We ought to behave ourſelves attentively, ſeriouſly, and devoutly; not

to go to ſleep, not to talk, nor to ſtare and gaze about; not to ſtand up when we ſhould kneel, nor to ſit down when we ſhould ſtand up.

Queſt. Why ſhould we avoid ſuch negligence and indifference at Church?

Anſ. Becauſe ſuch irreverent behaviour is making a mere mockery of God, whom we profeſs to come and worſhip: and becauſe by ſuch inattention we loſe all the inſtruction of God's holy word.

Queſt. How ſhould we employ our time out of Church?

Anſ. We ſhould employ it in the ſtudy of God's word contained in the Scriptures; and in reading other good books, which will help us better to underſtand the Scriptures, and to improve ourſelves in the knowledge of our duty to God and to our neighbour.

Queſt. What ought a good child to avoid on a Sunday?

Anſ. He ought to avoid the company of all naughty children, who never go to Church or School.

Sect. IV.

e ſt. Whom does God love?

Anſ. All who are good, and mind his laws.

Queſt. What are the laws of God?

Anſ. The laws of God are, in the *firſt* place, the commandments, which were given to the people of Iſrael; *ſecondly*, thoſe precepts of duty which are delivered by Jeſus Chriſt in the Goſpel; and *thirdly*, thoſe directions, which are left further for the rule of our life in the writings of the Apoſtles, who were inſpired by the Holy Ghoſt.

Queſt. How many are the commandments which were given to the people of Iſrael; and what are you commanded by them?

Anſ. There are ten commandments; and I am commanded by them,

I. Firſt, To worſhip only one God.

II. Secondly, Not to worſhip any image.

III. Thirdly, Not to ſwear, nor curſe, nor uſe the name of God, except in my prayers and reading.

IV. Fourthly, To keep holy the Sabbath day.

V. Fifthly, To honour and obey my Father and Mother.

VI. Sixthly, To do no murder.

VII. Seventhly, Not to commit adultery.

VIII. Eighthly, Not to ſteal.

IX. Ninthly, Not to tell any lie. And

X. Tenthly, Not to be diſcontented with the ſtate of life in which God has placed me, but to do my duty in it by obſerving truth and honeſty in all my dealings, with all thankfulneſs to my friends and benefactors, and humble ſubmiſſion to God's providence.

Queſt. What were the laws of God made for?

Anſ. For the good of mankind, that we might learn to do what is right and pleaſing to God, and avoid what is evil.

Queſt. Can God ſee you, if you do what is wrong?

Anſ. Yes: God is at all times near me; and though I cannot ſee him, yet he ſees all my deeds, hears all I ſay, and knows all my thoughts.

Sect. V.

Queſt. Who will guard us from all harm, if we are good?

Anſ. God, who is our Creator and heavenly father.

Queſt. In what manner ought we to ſhew ourſelves mindful of his mercies?

Anſ. By following the commandments of God; and by offering up our private prayers to him every morning and evening in our own chamber, and by offering up our public prayers and thankſgivings to God at Church every Sunday, and as often as we can on other days.

Queſt. Why ſhould we be conſtant in our prayers to God?

Anſ. Becauſe if we conſtantly ſay our prayers to God, we ſhall be better able to perſevere in all our duty to God, and to our neighbour.

Queſt. How will the conſtant obſervance of our prayers help us in the due performance of our other duties?

Anſ. Becauſe our prayers ſhould keep us mindful of our dependance on God, of our duty to him, and to our neighbour.

Queſt. Who has commanded us to pray?

Anſ. Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour.

Queſt. Has he taught us how we ought to pray?

Anſ. Yes: in that form of prayer, which is called the Lord's Prayer.

Queſt. Can you ſay the Lord's Prayer?

Anſ. Our Father, &c.

Queſt. What are you taught to pray for in the Lord's Prayer?

Anſ. I am taught to pray for four things:

Firſt, That all men may every where worſhip God with pure heart and mind; thus, *Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.*

Secondly, That God would ſend me and all men whatever is neceſſary for our ſubſiſtence: *Give us this day our daily bread.*

Thirdly, That he would forgive us for our paſt ſins, on condition that we forgive one another: *Forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them which treſpaſs againſt us.*

Fourthly, That he would preſerve us from all temptation to ſin in future: *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Theſe and all other prayers we are taught to offer up to God, in ſure hope of his mercy, if we deſerve it, becauſe he is almighty, and allpowerful, and reigneth for ever and for ever: *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.*

Queſt. What do you further learn by the Lord's Prayer?

Anſ. By the Lord's Prayer we learn to place all our hopes in God; and to know

that it is our duty to ſhew forgiveneſs and kindneſs to one another, if we hope ourſelves to be forgiven by God, and to remember that all our good thoughts, words, and actions proceed from God; and that we cannot do any thing which is good, nor abſtain from what is evil, without his grace and aſſiſtance.

Queſt. Can you ſay your Morning and Evening Prayers for Sunday?

[*The Child will here ſay the Prayers according to his age.*]

Quest. Can you ſay your Prayers for every day except Sunday?

Anſ. [*As before.*]

PART II. SECT. I.

Quest. What do you call the word of God?

Anſ. The writings which were written by holy men inſpired by God, and are contained in the Old and New Teſtament.

Queſt. By whom was the Old Teſtament written?

Anſ. By Moſes and the Prophets, and other holy men.

Queſt. By whom was the New Teſtament written?

Anſ. By the Evangeliſts and the Apoſtles of Chriſt.

Queſt. What is contained in the Old Teſtament?

Anſ. The Old Teſtament contains an account how God created the world, and filled it with all things uſeful to mankind: and how the world was peopled by the children of Adam and Eve, who were our firſt parents: How mankind became ungrateful and forgot God, and were at laſt ſo wicked that God puniſhed them for their wickedneſs, and deſtroyed by the flood every human creature from the face of the earth, all but a few juſt perſons: How by Noah, his ſons, and their children, the world

was again filled with people; and how God gave his laws to mankind, that they might obey them, and be ſaved: and how mankind became again as wicked as before; and their crimes and their ſins were ſo great as to make them ſubject to eternal puniſhment and miſery in the next world.

Sect. II.

Queſt. What is contained in the New Teſtament?

Anſ. The New Teſtament teaches us how God, in compaſſion to mankind, ſent his ſon Jesus Christ into the world to awaken men from their wickedneſs, to call them to repentance, to declare to them his will, and to ſet them an example of all goodneſs, which they might follow and be ſaved. The *New Teſtament* teaches us how the Son of God was put to death by a wicked and obſtinate nation; how he roſe again on

the third day, and ſent certain choſen men to preach his word unto all nations: How he aſcended into heaven, and will bring all men to happineſs, who believe in him, and repent of their ſins, and keep his commandments: And how, after he had aſcended into heaven, he ſent the Holy Ghoſt upon the Apoſtles to ſtrengthen their faith, to aſſiſt them in preaching the Goſpel to all nations, to give them the power of working miracles, and to comfort and ſupport them amidſt all the perſecutions and ſufferings, which they were to endure for the ſake of CHRIST.

Queſt. What does the New Teſtament contain further?

Anſ. It ſhews how the Goſpel was firſt preached among the Gentiles by the Apoſtles and Diſciples of Chriſt; and contains the epiſtles and inſtructions, which were ſent by the Apoſtles to the firſt Chriſtian churches, to keep them ſtedfaſt in the faith of Chriſt.

Queſt. What do you underſtand by the titles of Old Teſtament, and New Teſtament, which are given to the two parts of the Bible?

Anſ. By the Old Teſtament I mean the firſt Teſtament or Covenant between God and man: and by the New Teſtament I mean the ſecond Covenant.

Queſt. What do you mean by the firſt Covenant between God and man?

Anſ. I mean the Covenant of Works; by which God promiſed ſalvation to mankind, on condition of perfect obedience to the laws of God.

Queſt. What do you mean by the ſecond Covenant?

Anſ. I mean the Covenant of Grace, by which God does not require perfect obedience to the law, as the terms of ſalvation, but accepts our beſt endeavours, on condition that we ſincerely believe in JESUS CHRIST, and repent of our paſt ſins, and live in charity with one another.

Sect. III.

Queſt. Can you repeat the words of St. Paul, which begin thus, *Men of Iſrael, and ye that fear God, give audience*, &c.

Anſ. Men of Iſrael, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Iſrael choſe our fathers, and exalted the people, when they dwelt as ſtrangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years he fed them in the wilderneſs, as a nurſe feedeth her child. And when he had deſtroyed ſeven nations in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges, about the ſpace of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the Prophet. And afterward they deſired a king; and God gave unto them Saul the ſon of Kiſh, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the ſpace of forty years. And when he had removed

him, he raiſed up unto them David to be their king; to whom alſo he gave teſtimony and ſaid, I have found David the ſon of Jeſſe; a man after my own heart, which ſhall fulfil all my will. Of this man's ſeed hath God, according to his promiſe, raiſed unto Iſrael a Saviour JESUS: when John had firſt preached before his coming, the baptiſm of repentance to all the people of Iſrael. Men and brethren, children of the ſtock of Abraham, and whoſoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this ſalvation ſent. For they that dwell at Jeruſalem, and their rulers, becauſe they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the Prophets, which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled what the Prophets foretold, by condemning him. And though they found no cauſe of death in him, yet deſired they Pilate, that he ſhould be ſlain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him,

they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a ſepulchre. But God raiſed him from the dead: and he was ſeen many days of them, which came up with him from Galilee to Jeruſalem, who are his witneſſes unto the people.

Sect. IV.

Queſt. Can you give an account of the nativity of our Saviour, and of his life?

Anſ. When the time was come, which had been foretold by the Prophets, who had propheſied that a Virgin ſhould conceive and bear a ſon, who ſhould be the Saviour of mankind; God ſent his Angel Gabriel unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a Virgin, whoſe name was Mary, to tell her that though ſhe was a Virgin, yet the almighty power of God ſhould cauſe her to be with child, and to bring forth a ſon, and that his name ſhould be called Jesus. When he

was born, he was laid in a manger, and ſhepherds, to whom the Angel of God had declared his birth, went and worſhipped him. And many wiſe men from very diſtant countries came to ſee and worſhip the child, that was born to be the Saviour of the world. When he was twelve years old, he was found diſcourſing with the wiſeſt of the Jewiſh doctors in the temple, and all men were aſtoniſhed at his wiſdom. When he was about thirty years of age, he began publickly to preach to the people, and to bid them repent of their crimes, that they might be ſaved. He went about conſtantly doing good, healing the diſeaſes of all who believed in him, and performing miracles, which none but the Son of God could have done till the wicked and ungrateful Jews put the Saviour of mankind to death.

Sect. V.

Queſt. Can you give an account of the Crucifixion, Reſurrection, and Aſcenſion of Jeſus Chriſt; and of the coming of the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſ. The wicked, hypocritical Jews had no real love of God; their religion conſiſted in mere forms and ceremonies; and therefore they hated Jeſus Chriſt, who told them that all theſe forms and ceremonies were no longer pleaſing to God; and declared unto them a religion which had leſs outward ſhew and ceremony, but was more pure, more ſpiritual, and more acceptable to God. He often reminded them of their ſins: and told them, that he was the ſon of God, and that he came from God to turn men from their evil ways, and ſave them from their ſins. But they did not believe him; and at laſt they put him to death for calling himſelf the Son of God.

On the third day he roſe again from the dead, as he had foretold to his diſciples, when he was alive. And after having appeared at different times to great numbers of witneſſes, at laſt he aſcended into heaven, where he now ſits at the right hand of God. But he did not leave his diſciples without comfort and aſſiſtance; for after his aſcenſion into heaven, he ſent the Holy Ghoſt to be amongſt them, and remain with them through all their labours and perſecutions.

Queſt. In what manner did the Holy Ghoſt firſt manifeſt himſelf?

Anſ. On the day of Pentecoſt, that is on Whitſunday, when all the diſciples were aſſembled together, there came ſuddenly from heaven a ſound, as from a mighty ruſhing wind, and filled all the houſe where they were ſitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and ſat on each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghoſt, and began to ſpeak with other tongues as the ſpirit gave them utterance.

Sect. VI.

Queſt. Before Chriſt was crucified, what did he bid his diſciples obſerve in perpetual remembrance of him?

Anſ. He bade them frequently aſſemble together to keep up the remembrance of his death, and to receive bread and wine, as tokens of his body, which was given, and his blood, which was ſhed for the ſalvation of mankind.

Queſt. What is the rite called, which is obſerved in remembrance of our Saviour's death?

Anſ. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Queſt. Is there any other Sacrament beſide that of the Lord's Supper?

Anſ. Yes: the Sacrament of Baptiſm.

Queſt. What do you mean by the word Sacrament?

Anſ. A ſolemn and ſacred engagement, by which we bind ouſelves to the performance of ſome duty.

Queſt. What do thoſe bind themſelves to perform, who attend the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

Anſ. They promiſe to preſerve a faithful remembrance of God's mercy through the death of Chriſt, to live in charity with all men, and to lead good lives by following the commandments of God.

Queſt. What is the taking of bread and wine at the Sacrament a ſign of?

Anſ. It is an outward and viſible ſign of an inward and ſpiritual grace and aſſiſtance, which is given by God to thoſe, who truly repent of their ſins, and are in charity with all their neighbours.

Sect. VII.

Queſt. As children are baptized at an age, when they are too young to anſwer for themſelves, how can they enter into any engagement, or make any promiſe for themſelves?

Anſ. Their godfathers and godmothers promiſe for them.

Queſt. What was it that your godfathers and godmothers promiſed for you?

Anſ. They promiſed that I ſhould be brought up and inſtructed in the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith.

Queſt. What do you mean by the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith?

Anſ. Whatever is contained in the Old and New Teſtament concerning God — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt; about the forgiveneſs of ſins, and the world to come after this life.

Queſt. What were your godfathers and godmothers further bad to do for you?

Anſ. They were bound to ſee that I ſhould be brought up to obſerve the commandments of God; and to forſake all wicked works and all ſinful deſires; and that when I ſhould be ſufficiently inſtructed in the Chriſtian faith and duty, I ſhould be brought to the Biſhop to be confirmed by him.

Sect. VIII.

Queſt. What do you mean by Confirmation?

Anſ. When children are come to years of diſcretion, and have learned what their godfathers and godmothers promiſed for them in baptiſm, they are then brought to the Biſhop, that they themſelves, with their own mouth and conſent, may openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the ſame promiſes.

Queſt. Can you repeat the leſſon in your Spelling-book, which begins thus, *When I was chriſtened, I was too young to anſwer for myſelf?*

Anſ. When I was chriſtened, I was too young to anſwer for myſelf, therefore my godfathers and godmothers then promiſed for me, that I ſhould forſake all wicked works and all ſinful deſires; that I ſhould live in the fear of God, and keep his commandments: and that I ſhould believe all the articles of the Chriſtian Faith.

Queſt. Can you ſay the prayer which begins thus, *O Almighty God, thou that art the father of the poor and friendleſs* —

Anſ. O Almighty God, thou that art the father of the poor and friendleſs, I return thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for having brought me to the knowledge of thy word. Continue, O Lord, to aſſiſt me with thy grace, that I may always remember the vow, which

was made for me at my baptiſm, that I ſhould forſake all wicked works, and all ſinful deſires. Enable me to perſevere in the ſtudy of thy word, that when I take upon myſelf my baptiſmal vow, I may be prepared to dedicate my future life to thy ſervice, and the obſervance of thy word, through Jeſus Chriſt, my Saviour.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE EXTRACTS.

Queſt. What is neceſſary to your right underſtanding of the ſcriptures?

Anſ. A proper ſenſe of my own weakneſs and imperfections, that I may not be ſo vain as to think myſelf capable of ſearching out all the deſigns of Providence; or ſo fooliſh, as to diſbelieve, what is recorded in the ſcriptures, becauſe I cannot comprehend it.

Queſt. Can you ſay the Collect for the ſecond Sunday in Advent?

Anſ. Bleſſed Lord, who haſt cauſed all holy ſcriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold faſt the bleſſed hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Queſt. What ſhould you learn from Chriſt's nativity?

Anſ. To keep in mind the ſinfulneſs of human nature, on account of which our Saviour was born into the world, that he might ſet men an example of all goodneſs, and at laſt die on the croſs as an atonement and ſatisfaction for the ſins of the whole world.

Queſt. What ſhould you learn from the crucifixion of our Saviour?

Anſ. To keep in mind the merciful goodneſs of our Saviour, who died for the ſins of the whole world; and to remember that all men who do not ſhew kindneſs and forgiveneſs to one another, will not be benefited by his death.

Queſt. What did our Saviour ſay about forgiving one another?

Anſ. If ye forgive men their treſpaſſes, your heavenly Father will alſo forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their treſpaſſes, neither will your father forgive your treſpaſſes.

Queſt. What do you learn from CHRIST's reſurrection?

Anſ. That as CHRIST is already riſen from the dead, he will alſo raiſe all men from the grave at the laſt day.

Queſt. Why will all men be raiſed from the grave at the laſt day?

Anſ. That they may give an account of all their actions in this life, and be rewarded, if they have been good, with everlaſting happineſs, or be puniſhed, if they have been wicked, with everlaſting miſery.

Queſt. What do you learn from the coming of the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſ. That if men are ſincerely ſorry for their ſins, and endeavour to lead a new life, God will aſſiſt them with his holy ſpirit, and lead them into the way of his commandments.

Queſt. What do you learn from the account of Eutychus?

Anſ. The misfortune which happened to him at church, ſhould put me in mind, that I ought not to go to ſleep, nor be inattentive during divine ſervice.

Queſt. What occaſioned the death of Ananias and Sapphira?

Anſ. A lie.

Queſt. How did they die?

Anſ. They fell down dead with the lie in their mouth.

Queſt. Why ſhould a good child be afraid and aſhamed to lie?

Anſ. Becauſe God, who ſees all our actions, and knows all our thoughts, hates and abhors a lie; Secondly, becauſe a liar is hated by all men; Thirdly, becauſe the Scriptures ſay, that a liar is worſe than a thief; [*Note*, ſee p. 68, of the Spelling Book;] Fourthly, becauſe the child that will tell a lie will ſoon learn to ſteal, and to do every thing which is wicked.

Quest. Why is every liar a fool?

Anſ. Becauſe he thinks that he can hide his faults from God as well as from men; and does not know that God will ſome time or other bring to light every wicked thing which he tries to conceal.

Queſt. Who are moſt accuſtomed to lie?

Anſ. Children who have never learnt their book, who never ſay their prayers, and who never go to church.

Queſt. What do you learn from CHRIST's bleſſing the young children?

Anſ. That all children will be loved and protected by God, if they are good.

Queſt. What do you learn from the parable of the Phariſee and Publican?

Anſ. It ſhould put us in mind that all our endeavours to be good are very imperfect; and that we ought not to truſt in our own righteouſneſs; and that we ought never to hate or deſpiſe any man, becauſe he is of a different ſect or profeſſion of religion from ourſelves.

Quest. What do you learn from the parable of the Repentant Prodigal?

Anſ. That if we are ſorry for our paſt ſins, and endeavour to live better for the future, God will forgive us for the ſake of his ſon JESUS CHRIST, who died for us, and whoſe merits will make up for all our imperfections.

Quest. What do you learn from the parable of the Unmerciful Servant?

Anſ. That we ſhould do as we would be done by; and that God will never forgive us our ſins, if we do not ſhew kindneſs and forgiveneſs to one another.

Quest. What do you learn from the parable of the Two Sons?

Anſ. That all our duties ſhould be performed with unfeigned obedience; and that the ſinner who returns to his duty is infinitely more acceptable to God, than the deceitful hypocrite, who pretends to comply with duties which he does not perform.

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